



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: David L. VANIK

Title: HYDROGEL COMPOSITIONS WITH AN ERODIBLE BACKING MEMBER

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**  
**AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as indicated in the appropriate sections that follow. A three-month extension of time is requested. The fee for the extension accompanies this response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2. The amendment to the specification requires a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.71(g)(2), which is also enclosed.

**A listing of the claims** is provided which begins on page 3 of this document. Claims 1, 9, 15, and 50 have been amended.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this document.

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